



**REGIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OFFICE
U.S. EMBASSY KYIV**



**TEACHER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE
FOR NOVICE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH**

**June 24-26, 27-29, 2015
KHARKIV**

Call for Participation

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Regional English Language Office at the U.S. Embassy Kyiv is pleased to announce a call for participation in our annual Teacher Development Institute 2015 for novice teachers of English. The three-day workshop will introduce novice English language teachers to methodologies and approaches that may help them as they begin their careers.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This special program offers training for teachers, or future teachers, who have been forced to move from their homes because of conflict. Along with classroom practices, teachers will learn how to incorporate techniques stress management resilience, art, and photographing into their lessons.

The program is open to novice teachers of English, teachers in their first or second year of teaching, or in their last year of university from Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, and Luhansk cities and oblasts, with priority spots going to those who have been displaced by the conflict in the east of Ukraine.

Eligible pre-service teachers are 4-year students of pedagogical universities who show a commitment to becoming English teachers. This Institute will teach best practices in modern ELT methodology. It will provide novice English teacher with practical skills, materials, and inspiration. The sessions will be conducted by two English teaching Specialists from the United States.

Among the topics covered will be:

Compassion & Resiliency in the Classroom—Learning about resiliency and creating a compassionate classroom through the Six Principles of Compassionate Instruction and Discipline. This session will introduce ways to incorporate these principles into daily practice in order to guide our own actions as teachers and become a part of what we teach.

Current challenges & solutions in EFL—A time for teachers to come together in order to share current challenges they face in the EFL classroom in Ukraine, as well as to brainstorm solutions and demonstrate best practices.

Photography Lesson & English Photo Scavenger Hunt—A fun session for teachers to improve their photography skills on *any* camera! Afterwards, we will do an English photo scavenger hunt that will reinforce the new skills learned, an activity which teachers can then reproduce in their own English language classrooms.

INVITED TRAINERS

Crystal Bock-Thiessen

Crystal Bock Thiessen graduated with Bachelor's degrees in both Photography and Spanish, and received her Master's in TESL from the University of Central Missouri, USA where she eventually worked with the IEP for a year and a half. She taught EFL in Sapporo, Japan for three years and in Lugansk, Ukraine for one, and especially enjoys American Culture and technology for language learning as professional interests. Currently, she is an ESL instructor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA. Besides teaching, she is a professional photographer specializing in weddings and travel photography and, combined with her love of travel, has photographed and visited 36 countries and 25 U.S. states.

Eve Smith

Eve Smith has been the Senior Fellow in Georgia in AY 2014-15. Before moving to Georgia, she worked internationally as a teacher trainer, program developer and English teacher. In addition, she served as English Language Specialist with the U.S. Department of State, and conducted English language teacher trainings in Mexico, Taiwan, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Moldova and Ukraine. She also worked as an intensive English Language Instructor with Georgetown University and USAID in Sofia, Bulgaria and Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia (USA).

PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM

Dates: June 24-26, 2015 (First Institute)
June 27-29, 2015 (Second Institute)

Location: **Kharkiv, Aurora Hotel**

Language of Instruction: English

Two successive 3-day identical programs will be offered to two groups of 25 novice teachers. If you are selected, you will be provided with 15 hours of training. Lodging, meals, and travel expenses to Kharkiv for non-Kharkiv participants will be funded by the U.S. Embassy. Complimentary lunches and coffee breaks will be offered to participants from Kharkiv. More details will be provided in your acceptance letter.

The non-Kharkiv participants of the First Institute are expected to arrive on June 23, after 14:00. It concludes at 15:00 on June 26.

The non-Kharkiv participants of the Second Institute are expected to arrive on June 26, after 14:00. It concludes at 15:00 on June 29.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Successful applicants will be teachers in their first or second year of teaching or in their last year of pedagogical university and will have the following skills and competencies:

- a good command of English
- ability and willingness to work hard as part of a team with other participants
- active listening and communicative skills

Participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Priority will be given to students and teachers who have been displaced by the conflict in the east of Ukraine.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should please fill in the online Application form **by June 21, 2015.**

[Application Form](#)

Successful applicants will be informed about the results of selection via e-mail **by June 23, 2015.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE – 21 June 2015